









## Post-Office Notifications.

*A unit will receive.*  
 "For Swatow, Amoy and Pootooch.—Per Yesso,"  
 "For Swatow, Amoy and Pootooch, at 10.30 A.M."  
 "For Manila, For Cebu, For Hongkong, For  
 the instant, at 5 P.M."

**MAILS BY THE "ENGLISH PACKET."**  
 The English Contract Packet "MALWA"  
 will be dispatched with the usual mails for  
 Hongkong, &c., on SATURDAY, the 27th inst.,  
 Money Orders on any of the Money Order  
 Offices in the United Kingdom will be payable  
 at 5 P.M. on the 26th instant.  
 The Post Office will be open until 6 P.M. on  
 the 26th instant.  
 Letters, &c., may be posted during the night  
 if the box left open for their reception.  
 Letters for the "English Packet" will be received until  
 10 A.M. on the 27th instant.  
 Letters may be posted until 10 A.M. on the  
 instant, without late fee.  
 The "English Packet" will sail on the 27th

Letters posted on the 18th inst. will not be forwarded unless the *Lata* fee of 8 cents each as well as the postage is paid.

The latest time for posting Letters at this Office is 11 A.M., and for Newspapers, Books, or Returns 10 A.M. on the 27th instant.

Letters (and Letters of Office) addressed to the United Kingdom and to India, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet in 11.30 A.M. to the time of mailing, on payment of a *Lata Fee* of 8 cents each in addition to the postage.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1873.

MAILS BY UNITED STATES  
PACKET  
The United States Mail Packet, "QUANG,"  
will be dispatched on SATURDAY, the  
instant, at 3 p.m., with the Mails—  
for Yokohama, San Francisco, the United  
States and the United Kingdom.  
The Post Office will be open for the reception  
of Ordinary Letters, Books, Newspapers, &c.,  
at 2.30 p.m.  
Letters and Parcels may be posted on board the Packet  
at 2.30 p.m. to 2.50 p.m., on payment of a  
Fee of 12 pence in addition to the Postage.  
The Prepayment of the Postage to all the  
above places by this route is compulsory.  
Remuneration insufficiently prepaid will be  
forwards by the English Packet.  
Correspondence for Yokohama and  
Singapore may be addressed per

ANG-SE, and that addressed to the United Kingdom must be superscribed "via San Francisco".

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 17th September, 1873.

MAILS BY THE "FRENCH PACKET".

The French Mail Packet "IRAOUADY" will be dispatched on SATURDAY, the 4th inst., at noon, with the Mails for the Kingdom via Hongkong, to France, and other Continental Ports (in a closed mail to France), to Saigon, Singapore, Galle, Australia and New Zealand, and, Seychelles, Reunion and Mauritius, Suez

Alexandria.  
The Post Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Newspapers, Books, &c., at 11 A.M. on the 4th October, after which Letters can be received. 23  
Money-Orders on any of the Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom will be granted at 5 P.M. on the 3rd October.  
Letters for Registration will be received at 10 A.M. on the 4th October.  
F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.  
General Post Office,  
Hong Kong, 23rd September, 1873.  
It is hereby notified that henceforward the Letters or Letters addressed to Denmark, when forwarded via Southampton, will be 28 cents

half-ounce, prepayment optional. Unpaid  
letters will be subject to an additional charge  
on delivery.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1873.

be Post Office of Victoria (Australia) having  
on notice to the General Post Office in Lon-  
don that articles of Jewellery received in that  
Office are chargeable with Customs Duties,  
undersigned considers it necessary to make  
Regulation known to the Public, and to  
state that any letters or packets containing  
such articles sent through the Post are liable  
to their contents, to be forfeited.

F. W. MITCHELL.

*Postmaster General.*

General Post-Office,  
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1875.

It is hereby notified for General information  
that on and after the 1st August next, the  
admission chargeable on Money Orders  
issued upon the United Kingdom at Hongkong,  
Canton, and Yokohama will be as follows,

For sums not exceeding £2.....	18 cents.
above £2 and not exceeding £5.....	36 „
above £5 and not exceeding £7.....	54 „
above £7 and not exceeding £10.....	72 „

F. W. MITCHELL,  
*Postmaster General.*

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 11th July, 1870.

is hereby notified that a firm of British Contract Packetts has been established here in Aden and Zanzibar, which, with correspondence, will afford a regular means of communication of correspondence from Hongkong to foreign ports on the East African Coast, as well as for Natal and the Cape Colony, St. Helena and Ascension, and that henceforward the cargo, which must be paid in advance, on letters addressed to Zanzibar, Mombasa, Aden, or Natal, that the cargo of Good Hope and Ascension, will be 20 cents for each half-cow, and 25 cents each.

**F. W. MITCHELL,**  
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,

Hongkong, 12th May, 1873.  
 It is hereby notified that henceforward the  
 postage on letters addressed to Newfoundland,  
 must be paid in advance, will be as fol-  
 lows:-  
 London forwarded via } 34 cents each postage.  
 Brindisi " }  
 " forwarded via } 34 " " "  
 Marseilles " }  
 " forwarded via } 28 " " "  
 Southampton " }

**F. W. MITCHELL,**  
*Postmaster General.*

General Post-Office,  
 Hongkong, 22d February, 1873.

It is hereby notified that Letters addressed

rance may be sent either paid or unpaid at  
 option of the sender; but the postage on  
 as Current, Newspapers and Books cannot  
 repaid.

*For each 5 ounces.*

rate of postage—charged in advance—  
 letters addressed to France per  
 French Packet is..... 12 cents.  
 British Packet when marked via  
 India..... 18 „  
 British Packet when marked via  
 Alexandria and Marseilles..... 12 „

*F. W. MITCHELL*  
*Postmaster General*

and Post-Office,  
 Hongkong, 2nd April, 1872.

arrangements having been made by  
the Mail for London arriving at Socot-  
ra by the Packet Ship from the Straits  
Colonies via Brindisi, it is hereby notified  
that the rate of postage, which must be paid in  
advance, on correspondence addressed to the  
United Kingdom so forwarded, will be as fol-  
lows:

Letters.....	32 cents per full ounce.
Newspapers.....	8 " each.
Packets.....	not exceeding 1 ounce 4 cents.
Books and other articles.....	" 2 " 6 "
	" 4 " 12 "
	" every additional 4 " 19 "

F. W. MITCHELL,  
*Postmaster General,*  
General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 20th December, 1871.

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## Extracts.

**THE DYING CHILD.**  
BY JOHN CLARE.

He could not tell when tears were green,  
He loved the time too well.  
His little hands, when flowers were seen,  
Were held for the first time.  
As he carried the little green,  
The child clung to the white-robed nurse,  
He knew the children of the spirit,  
Which he was well and on the  
He held on in his hands to sing,  
Which filled his heart with grief.  
Infants, the children of the spring,  
How can an infant die?  
When butterflies are on the wing,  
Green grass, and such a sky,  
How can they die at spring?  
He held his hands for daisies white,  
And for the violets blue,  
And took them all to bed at night,  
In the cradle of his love.  
And then he shut his little eyes,  
And flowers were seen to grow,  
Birds sang, and eggs came to surprise,  
He now no blossoms grow.  
They met with plaintive sighs,  
When winter came and buds did die,  
And bare were plain and trees,  
As he for ease in bed did lie.  
He and the world were dead,  
He and the world were dead.

## AMERICAN SILENCE.

The Americans struck me generally as a silent people; though the very contrary idea is prevalent in England. I know not on what grounds. But they certainly seemed to me more thoughtful and reserved than ourselves, and I think most travellers will confirm the remark. In the railway-carriage, the large hotels, in the railway and elsewhere, they made less noise than half the number of English would have done; there was but little conversation even amongst those acquainted with each other, and those who were unacquainted never spoke at all. In the whole course of my travels, I don't think I was ever addressed by the first instance; I always received perfectly correct replies to my questions, and had many pleasant conversations with strangers on the steamboats, but there was always a certain amount of ice to be broken through first. No one can deny them the faculty of wit, or at least an extravagant humour which is characteristically American, yet you rarely hear jokes or a hearty laugh amongst them; there seems a total absence of jollity or joviality in all classes, a tendency rather to gravity or even melancholy, and an American owned to me, half seriously, that he thought there was something of the Red Indian reserve and gravity appearing in the national character, an inclination to think that this reserve, as the French would call it, arises from the general absorption of all classes in business and money-making; no one is idle, no one "loafs," and nobody seems to have time for enjoyment or pleasure. It is the same cause that other nations make against the English, and with a certain amount of truth, they take our pleasures away, which means "work," that is, hard at our pleasures, carrying the same seriousness into them as into our business, but while also, I think, arises from the greater plainness of the English character, that prevents our finding pleasure or relaxation in the same childish amusements as the French or Italians. In America, this national trait has been recognized, and is, I am informed by the simple fact that there is no 10 o'clock train, no class, as with us (though of course there are individuals), which is exempt from the necessity of working for a living. I never fully appreciated the value of this class of home before; now that I have been to America, and I make the remark in all sincerity, I recognize it fully. Such a class, comforted from the anxiety inseparable from the conduct of business or the practice of a profession, has leisure not only for the cultivation of the taste, the pursuit of art, science, and literature, and for studying the amenities of social intercourse, but also for the not less valuable art of pleasure-seeking generally, and of carrying manliness and refinement into our sports and amusements.

There are still some pleasant corners of England, in which it is possible not merely to imagine oneself carried back into a remote country, but to enjoy practically some of its picturesque beauties. During the snow-storm of the past winter for example, a coach (for that vehicle, in its true ancient form, has not quite disappeared in the west) passing under the bastion of Dartmoor, which projects between the mountains and the sea, found its progress entirely stopped by the heavy drift; and the passengers were compelled to spend the night round the fire of a moorland hostelry, where it is to be presumed they passed the time in the manner regarded as most appropriate by poets and novelists, and communicated the stories of their several lives. This, of course, is an exceptional piece of good luck; but we can promise much old-fashioned hospitality, mixed with a good deal of old-fashioned hostility, to all who care to explore the wild forest of Dartmoor, and the stretch of romantic country which forms its border. That the ancient speech and manners of this district will survive much longer is not very probable. We lately heard, indeed, an honest old woman thus reprove the modern refinement of her daughter:—"Wai-sap! why can't ee say aye like any Christian? I can't hear zee old methodical ways," but it may be feared that the young generation will have its will, and that as the country becomes more accessible it will cease to be what it now is—the stronghold of old Devonshire speech and tradition. Yet if these things pass away, the land itself cannot well be changed. No cultivation will ever climb the sides of the fens. No plough will ever be driven through the deep, black peat soil of the heaths and valleys. Dartmoor itself will always rise like a huge granite fortress, round which the tide of cultivation surges in vain. It has been frequented at various times, and, perhaps by various races, for special objects—chiefly for the sake of its tin, since it is, or was, in old Westcote's words, "richer in the bowels than in the face thereof"; but in all its main features it is still the same as in the earliest age of history.

Thus did the waters gleam, the mountains lower,  
To the rude Briton, when in wolf-skin-clad,  
Here roving wild, he laid him down to rest,  
On the bare rock.

Whilst the lowlands of England have undergone so much change, and in many parts of the country are losing more and more of their natural beauty under the operation of "scientific" agriculture, every visit to such an unclouded, unchanging fastness as this of Dartmoor, where nature is still paramount, and the works of man count for very little, seems to bring new delight and fresh strength, like a touch of the true "earth-mother." Even the monotonous of the coming autumn, which threaten much discomfort to the flocks and other old inhabitants of Dartmoor, and which will people the solitude almost as densely as the Sierra Morena in days of discomfiture by Don Quixote, when there was a hermit behind every rock, and a discomfiture might beside every streamlet, will in no way affect the primitive charm of the district, although they may produce some "Auld Reekie" of colour.

—From *The Quarterly Review*.

## FLIGHT OF THE EMPRESS EUGENIE.

When, true to the spirit of her own brave Spanish ancestry, and speaking the words of Queen Marie Antoinette, speaking those words in the very palace where that fair Queen of France had when she fled—the Empress Eugenie declared that she would "rather be killed than to flee," she was, it is possible, even in greater danger than was the high-souled daughter of the heroic Maria Theresa before her forced departure from the Tuileries; for now the Empress, when the nation and infuriated mob came pressing onward toward the palace (quickly afterwards destroyed by it), was no crowd of armed defenders, no husband to sustain her. She was alone with one lady attendant, her ladies, when the probability of her terrible and immediate danger was suddenly imported to her by a devoted adherent of the Emperor, but who even for the sake of the Empress herself, was compelled to depart the moment after his word of warning had been uttered. So at least, it is said in Paris. There was not a moment to spare; the courage of the Empress was unshaken, but just then, utterly unprotected, though she was, the safety of others, her presence was a danger to herself. She could not fail to remember, by a painfully vivid flash of memory, that in case of mortal reverses on the part of her beloved and absent husband, the hope of a future for the Prince Imperial rested in her decision at this unseasonable instant. When everything of most solemn import, not only to herself but to those loved far more than herself, depended on her decision. Therefore, just as the murderous mob approached the chateau of the Tuileries, the Empress reached down into the ancient Palace of the Louvre from which there was still, possibly, a comparatively safe exit for her and her one faithful lady attendant, whose "privilege" was to shut the door of her own room, though Imperial risked. Fortunately, they were in out-door costume when the alarm was given to them, and by the help of a thick veil, the Empress might not yet pass out into the street through the portal of the Louvre, near which she at length found herself. But, for a moment, there was an agonized suspense; the key—the key by which alone this portal could be opened from the inside, was missing from the place where it was usually to be found. The Empress neither screamed nor fainted, though there was that instant a faint, though more than her life depended upon her instant escape.

The key is found on the floor it had dropped, owing to some rustic maid—no more, counting on great depend on small things in this world—the key is found. The heavy portal of the Louvre, on the Seine side of that antique and historic edifice, turns on its hinges; the veiled Empress and her attendant step forth on to the public way, and hail a *fiacre*—a cab. A *fiacre*—one of those peculiarly sharp street boys, springing only, it would seem, from the pavement either of Paris or London—calls out in his shrill tones, whilst pointing towards his Majesty, "Mais, vola l'Impératrice!"

Public attention is elsewhere at this moment distracted, for all Paris is in turbulent excitement over the Emperor, and the Empress, Eugenie, escape from that city, over which she had ruled with a gentle, generous hand; and which her Imperial husband (the man who never forgot a kindness, and who was glorious in his gratitude) found "made of brick but left built of marble."

"*Misericordia, Misericordia!*" by Mrs. Challe.

An imperial-judge in Western New York was unwittingly dined two meals, arranged himself, pleaded guilty, and paid a fine of ten dollars.

**POSITIVE GOVERNMENT SECURITY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
CHAS. H. MORGAN, Agent.  
1506 Hongkong, 18th June, 1873.

**VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG, LIMITED.**  
ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1872

**SHAREHOLDERS** in the above Company are hereby notified that the annual meeting of the company will be held on the 1st day of December, 1872, at 10 o'clock of the day, for the purpose of receiving the dividend of Twenty per cent. (20%) of the Net Profit reserved for Contributors, may be attended and voted on, and the 31st October next, will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations subsequently admitted.

**AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,** Secretaries.  
40109 Hongkong, 1st July, 1873.

**BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
THE Underwritten having been appointed Agents for Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Sea Risks at current rates.

**RUSSELL & Co.,** Agents.  
1022 Hongkong, 1st April, 1868.

**IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
NOTICE IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.  
DETACHED AND SEMI-DETACHED DWELLING HOUSES, REMOVED FROM TOWN, AND OTHER DWELLING HOUSES, USED STRICTLY AS SUCH, AND THEIR CONTENTS, 1 per cent. Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and 1 per cent. their contents.

**GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,** Agents.  
1022 Hongkong, 7th March, 1865.

**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.  
AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rate of Premium current at the above-mentioned Ports.  
No charge for Policy fees.

**JAS. B. COUGHTRIN,** Secretary.  
Hongkong, 1st November, 1871.

**IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.**  
FOR INSURING Houses and other Buildings, Goods, Ware, Merchandise, Manufactures, and Farming Stock, Ships in Port, Harbours, or Dock, and the Cargoes of such Ships; also, Ships Building and Repairing; Docks and other Works on Wharves, Rivers, and Canals, and Goods on board such Vessels, throughout Great Britain and Ireland, and its Foreign Colonies, from Loss or Damage by FIRE.

THE Underwritten, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of \$50,000 on any one First Class Risk.

**GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,** Agents.  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1867.

**CHINA AND JAPAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
INCORPORATED 1859.  
CAPITAL, £100,000.

THE Underwritten having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept Marine Risks and issue Policies at current rates.

**AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,** Agents.  
1351 Hongkong, 7th June, 1867.

## Insurance.

## NOTICE.

## ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date, a Discount of 20 per cent. on the current rates of Premium will be allowed to all contributors.

**ROBERT S. WALKER & Co.,** Agents.  
1162 Hongkong, 24th June, 1872.

**YANG-TSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.**  
CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$75,000 TABLE.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, at current rates.

**RUSSELL & Co.,** Agents.  
1080 Hongkong, 9th July, 1872.

**NOTICE.**  
FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD Insurance, viz:—

Not exceeding 1 month, 1/2 do. do.  
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 1/2 do. do.  
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 1/2 do. do.  
Above 6 months and not exceeding 12 months, 1/2 do. do.

**JARDINE, MATTHEWSON & Co.,** Agents.  
Alliance Fire Insurance Company.  
1678 Hongkong, 26th August 1869.

**NOTICE.**  
THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following rates will be charged in future for SHORT PERIOD Insurance, viz:—

Not exceeding 1 month, 1/2 do. do.  
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 1/2 do. do.  
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 1/2 do. do.  
Above 6 months and not exceeding 12 months, 1/2 do. do.

**NORTON, LYALL & Co.,** Agents.  
The Queen Insurance Company.  
1342 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

**NOTICE.**  
ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE annual rates for Fire Insurance on the various classes of Buildings and their contents will remain as follows until further notice.

Detached and semi-detached Dwelling Houses (removed from the town) and their contents, 1 per cent.  
Other Dwelling Houses (situated) and their contents, 1 per cent.  
Offices and Godowns and their contents, 1 per cent.

Other Rates by Special arrangement.

THE following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD Policies:—

Not exceeding 10 days 1/2 per cent.  
Not exceeding 1 month 1/2 per cent.  
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 1/2 do. do.  
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 1/2 do. do.  
Above 6 months and not exceeding 12 months, 1/2 do. do.

**ROBERT S. WALKER & Co.,** Agents.  
Royal Insurance Company.  
1783 Hongkong, 13th September 1869.

**NOTICE.**  
IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged SHORT PERIOD Insurance, viz:—

Not exceeding 1 month, 1/2 do. do.  
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 1/2 do. do.  
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 1/2 do. do.  
Above 6 months and not exceeding 12 months, 1/2 do. do.

**GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,** Agents.  
Imperial Fire Insurance Company.  
1075 Hongkong, 13th August, 1868.

**CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
NOTICE.

IN conformity with the Special Resolutions adopted and confirmed at the Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders held on the 1st and 15th instants, altering Clause No. 130, 131, 132, and 133 of the Articles of Association, (such changes to take effect from 1st November, 1871), the Net Profits of the Company will be distributed and rendered prior to the 31st October next, will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations subsequently admitted.

One-third (1/3rd) to Shareholders generally, according to the number of shares held by each.

**AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,** Secretaries.  
314 Hongkong, 18th February, 1872.

**MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.**

THE Underwritten have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Pootung, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Policies at current rates.

**HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,** Agents.  
1668 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

**NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.

DETACHED AND SEMI-DETACHED DWELLING HOUSES, REMOVED FROM TOWN, AND OTHER DWELLING HOUSES, USED STRICTLY AS SUCH, AND THEIR CONTENTS, 1 per cent. Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and 1 per cent. their contents.

**GILMAN & Co.,** Agents.  
North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.  
1168 Hongkong, 24th June, 1872.

**THE LONDON ASSURANCE.**  
INCORPORATED BY ACT OF PARLIAMENT IN 1720.

THE Underwritten having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant Policies at current rates.

**HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,** Agents.  
1668 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

**THE GLOBE MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON.**

THE Attention of Shippers is called to the low rates of Premiums charged by the Underwritten Agents of above named Companies, for all classes of risks, subject to a brokerage of 15 per cent.

**HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,** Agents.  
1363 Hongkong, 26th July, 1872.

**THE OCEANIC SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF BATAVIA.**

THE Attention of Shippers is called to the low rates of Premiums charged by the Underwritten Agents of above named Companies, for all classes of risks, subject to a brokerage of 15 per cent.

**HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,** Agents.  
1363 Hongkong, 26th July, 1872.

**THE SAMARANG SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAMARANG.**

THE Attention of Shippers is called to the low rates of Premiums charged by the Underwritten Agents of above named Companies, for all classes of risks, subject to a brokerage of 15 per cent.

**HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,** Agents.  
1363 Hongkong, 26th July, 1872.

## Insurance.

## IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underwritten having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire, to the extent of \$50,000 on Buildings or on Goods stored thereon.

**GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,** Agents.  
1022 Hongkong, 24th August, 1864.

**TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.**

THE Underwritten having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept risks against Fire, subject to a bonus of 20 per cent.

**SIEMSEN & Co.,** Agents.  
139 Hongkong, 15th November, 1872.

**NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged on SHORT PERIOD Insurance, viz:—

Not exceeding 1 month, 1/2 do. do.  
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 1/2 do. do.  
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 1/2 do. do.  
Above 6 months and not exceeding 12 months, 1/2 do. do.

**GILMAN & Co.,** Agents.  
North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.  
1167 Hongkong, 24th June, 1872.

**NOTICE.**  
THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

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Not exceeding 1 month, 1/2 do. do.  
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 1/2 do. do.  
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**NORTON, LYALL & Co.,** Agents.  
The Queen Insurance Company.  
1342 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

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ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

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Not exceeding 10 days 1/2 per cent.  
Not exceeding 1 month 1/2 per cent.  
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Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 1/2 do. do.  
Above 6 months and not exceeding 12 months, 1/2 do. do.

**ROBERT S. WALKER & Co.,** Agents.  
Royal Insurance Company.  
1783 Hongkong, 13th September 1869.

**NOTICE.**  
IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged SHORT PERIOD Insurance, viz:—

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1075 Hongkong, 13th August, 1868.

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314 Hongkong, 18th February, 1872.

**MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.**

THE Underwritten have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Pootung, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Policies at current rates.

**HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,** Agents.  
1668 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

**NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.

DETACHED AND SEMI-DETACHED DWELLING HOUSES, REMOVED FROM TOWN, AND OTHER DWELLING HOUSES, USED STRICTLY AS SUCH, AND THEIR CONTENTS, 1 per cent. Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and 1 per cent. their contents.

**GILMAN & Co.,** Agents.  
North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.  
1168 Hongkong, 24th June, 1872.

**THE LONDON ASSURANCE.**  
INCORPORATED BY ACT OF PARLIAMENT IN 1720.

THE Underwritten having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant Policies at current rates.

**HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,** Agents.  
1668 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

**THE GLOBE MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON.**

THE Attention of Shippers is called to the low rates of Premiums charged by the Underwritten Agents of above named Companies, for all classes of risks, subject to a brokerage of 15 per cent.

**HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,** Agents.  
1363 Hongkong, 26th July, 1872.

**THE OCEANIC SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF BATAVIA.**

THE Attention of Shippers is called to the low rates of Premiums charged by the Underwritten Agents of above named Companies, for all classes of risks, subject to a brokerage of 15 per cent.

**HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,** Agents.  
1363 Hongkong, 26th July, 1872.

**THE SAMARANG SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAMARANG.**

THE Attention of Shippers is called to the low rates of Premiums charged by the Underwritten Agents of above named Companies, for all classes of risks, subject to a brokerage of 15 per cent.

**HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,** Agents.  
1363 Hongkong, 26th July, 1872.

## Insurance.

## THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL—TWO MILLION STERLING.

THE Underwritten having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire, to the extent of \$50,000 on Buildings or on Goods stored thereon.

**NORTON, LYALL & Co.,** Agents.  
1342 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

**BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

THE Underwritten are now prepared to grant Policies on behalf of the above Company, Policies against Fire on First-class Buildings, to an extent of \$10,000.

A Discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the current local rates will be allowed on all premiums charged for insurances, such discount being deducted at the time of the issue of policy.

**RUSSELL & Co.,** Agents.  
15 Hongkong, 1st January, 1873.

**PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

FROM this date, until further notice, a discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the current local rates of premium will be allowed upon insurances effected with this Company.

**DOUGLAS LARSEN & Co.,** Agents.  
1192 Hongkong, 27th June, 1872.

**LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

THE Underwritten having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Marine risks at current rates.

**AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,** Agents.  
1171 Hongkong, 6th March, 1868.

## SHIPPING IN THE CANTON WATERS.

Vessels.	Captains.	Flag & Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.	Destinations.	Vessels.	Captains.	Flag & Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.	Destinations.
HONGKONG.											
S. M. S. SHIPS IN THE CHINA SQUADRON.											
SHIPPING IN THE CHINA WATERS.											
WHAMPOA.											
YOKOHAMA.											